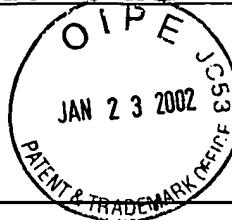


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REMARKS

Applicant has reviewed and considered the Office Action dated October 10, 2001, and the references cited therewith.

Claims 7-16 and 23-25 are pending in this application.

§102 Rejection of the Claims

Knee

Claims 7 and 23-25 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by Knee et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,337,254), hereinafter "Knee."

Claim 7

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection and submits that Knee does not anticipate the present subject matter. Applicant is unable to find, in Knee, a teaching of each and every claim element. For example, Applicant is unable to find, in Knee, adjusting a first resistance coupled to a first supply voltage, as recited in claim 7. In particular, Applicant finds no discussion in Knee concerning adjusting resistance. Thus, Applicant further submits that Knee does not teach the identical invention in as complete detail as is contained in the claim.

Furthermore, Applicant is unable to find, in Knee, adjusting a second resistance coupled to a second supply voltage, as recited in claim 7. Among others, Applicant traverses the assertion in the Office Action concerning the "ground" in Knee meeting the second supply voltage of the claim and submits that such an interpretation appears inconsistent with the meaning of the term "ground."

For these and other reasons, Applicant submits that claim 7 is not anticipated and respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance.